

**SWAMP RECREATIONAL USE STUDY
LABOR DAY WEEKEND 2008
CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
(16 July 2008)**

Staff from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) is tentatively planning a water quality recreation use study corresponding with Labor Day 2008. The purpose of this study is to help develop a snapshot of the water quality in local swimming holes before, during and after a major holiday (August 27 – September 3, 2008), using *E. coli* as an indicator.

For this study, "swimming hole" is defined as places in fresh, moving water, such as rivers, streams, creeks, springs, or similar natural bodies of water. They are large enough and deep enough for a person to swim in. This excludes oceans and lakes.

Data collected will be evaluated against applicable guidelines and objectives set by the federal EPA and other agencies to identify potential areas of concern.

Currently, we are soliciting assistance from stakeholder groups for support in identifying sites, collecting surface water samples, and transporting samples on the following days:

- **Wednesday, 27 August 2008**
- **Sunday, 31 August 2008**
- **Wednesday, 3 September 2008**

The full monitoring plan for this study will be posted after July 21, 2008 on the CVRWQCB website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/water_quality_studies/surface_water_ambient_monitoring/index.shtml#rec_use_study

If you are interested in participating, please review the instructions and fill out the attached survey. Surveys will also be available to download at the CVRWQCB website (see above). Please return the survey to Anne Littlejohn or Calvin Yang at the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board by **31 July 2008**.

Surveys mailed via post should be addressed:

Anne Littlejohn or Calvin Yang
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Faxed surveys should be sent to (916) 464-4800. The information may also be emailed to alittlejohn@waterboards.ca.gov or ccyang@waterboards.ca.gov.

Please call Calvin Yang at (916) 464-4837 or Anne Littlejohn at (916) 464-4840 with any questions about the study and/or to verify receipt of your form.